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SUBJ: TACHILEK NARCOTICS SEIZURE

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1. IN A FOLLOW-UP FEATURE STORY ON OPERATION AUNG MOE HEIN
(TEXT BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES), THE GUB RELEASED ADDI-
TIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THE "OPIUM POWDER" OF WHICH 130 KG WAS
SEIZED AT TACHILEK.

2. THE FEATURE STORY SAYS:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE SEIZURE INCLUDES OPIUM POWDER, PTOENCY OF
WHICH IS FAR SUPERIOR TO THAT OF HEROIN NO. 3, AND CLOSE TO
HEROIN NO. 4.

HOWEVER, IT IS SAID TO BE USEFUL PHARMACEUTICALLY. ACCORD-
ING TO ONE SOURCE, MEDICINAL OPIUM POWDER (PULV OPII) IS
STANDARDIZED AT 10 TO 10.5 OF ANHYDROUS MORPHINE. IT IS LIGHT
BROWN WITH A CHARACTERISTIC ODOUR.

ONE OF THE CHIEF USES OF OPIUM POWDER IS MAKING
PAREGORIC (CAMPHORATED TINCTURE OF OPIUM). THE AVERAGE
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ADULT DOES OF OPIUM IS 60 MG TAKEN ORALLY. THIS IS
EQUIVALENT TO SIX MG OF MORPHINE.

THE MEDICINAL VALUE NOTWITHSTANDING, THE HARD DRUG
WITH SUCH POTENCY IS DANGEROUS. END QUOTE.

3. WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN SAMPLES OF THIS MATERIAL AS WELL AS
OF THE OTHER NARCOTICS IN THE TACHILEK SEIZURE. THE

SAMPLES WILL BE POUCHED TO THE DEA LABORATORY.

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